

PSI Branch assists with security

Did you know the Fort Sill Personnel Security Investigation Branch is available to help all military personnel, civilian and contract employees with issues concerning their background and security clearance investigations?

The division is equipped with a digital fingerprint machine to ensure accuracy of all prints. The PSI branch also provides training for all security managers and intelligence staff assigned to Fort Sill.

During the Security and Intelligence Division semi-annual security managers' conference, security managers and intelligence staff have the opportunity to learn new or improved methods to perform their PSI duties and discuss ques-

tions and concerns they may have.

The PSI branch approves Fort Sill Form 180/180Ss to ensure personnel are authorized access to the computer networks after an organization's security manager submits the completed form for processing.

After all processing procedures are complete, individual accounts are established by the Network Enterprise Center. Contact the PSI Branch by telephone or e-mail if you have questions concerning this process.

A few years back the Department of the Army required all DA employees to submit their clearances via the Electronic Questionnaires for Investigations Processing, the e-QIP program. It



Did you know?

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replaced the old electronic personnel security questionnaire. The great thing about e-QIP is that it can be accessed from any computer that has Internet capabilities.

This means you can access your questionnaire anytime and anywhere. It also saves your information in the system so when you are due for a periodic reinvestigation all you will need to do is input your updated information. This is a great improvement over the old EPSQ, which had to be

downloaded to a computer and information could only be retrieved from that specific computer. The new e-QIP provides much more flexibility.

Here are some tips from PSI that might help you when you are filling out your security clearance questionnaires.

- Always remember you must go back seven years for a secret clearance and 10 years for a top secret clearance.
- Ensure there are no gaps in your residence or

employment listings; when entering relatives, list all who apply to you in the upper portion of the section.

- Remember that accurate information on your questionnaire speeds up the processing of your clearance.
- Fingerprints are required for all new clearances. Periodic reinvestigations do not require fingerprints.

Secret clearances are valid for 10 years and top secret clearances are valid for five years. So if you think that your clearance is ready for a periodic update, please contact your security manager or intelligence staff.

The PSI branch of the Security and Intelligence Division is very proud to serve Soldiers, civilian and contractor employees, who

so diligently take care of our nation.

They are always interested in your opinions and they encourage their customers to leave ICE comments.

The PSI branch is dedicated to excellent customer service and insists on treating every customer right. If you have any questions about the Personnel Security Investigations Branch, please contact Cindy Sanchez, PSI branch chief, at 442-1817.

To reach me

To send questions or comments to me, please e-mail fscms@conus.army.mil or you can mail your comments to Commander, USAG-Fort Sill, 462 Hamilton Road, Suite 120, Fort Sill, OK 73503.

Thanks and have a great Fort Sill day.

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PSC party

The Fort Sill Spouse's Club has a Mad Hatter Tea Party Sept. 14 at 11 a.m. at the Patriot Club. The cost is \$13. To make reservations, go to www.fortsillpsc.org.

Job fair

The Army Career and Alumni Program is sponsoring a job fair Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. at the Fort Sill Welcome and Conference Center, formerly Gunners Inn. For more information, call 442-6428.

Reclamation sale

The next Fort Sill Reclamation Sale is Sept. 18 from 8 a.m. to noon at Building 2102 on Currie Road. All sales are cash only and a military ID is required.

Businesses off-limits

Maj. Gen. David Halverson, U.S. Army Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill commanding general, has placed **Gert's Pub and Grub**, 2617 NW Cache Road in Lawton off-limits. **Smart Buy**, in Lawton's Central Mall, remains off-limits.

This order applies to all military personnel to protect the health, safety, morale, welfare and discipline of military members. Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who violate this order may be subject to actions under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

VIOS out-processing

Any Soldier, DoD employee or contractor who has used the Visual Information Ordering System, VIOS, here must out-process from the system before permanently leaving Fort Sill by going to Building 3162 Harvey Road, Room 214. For more information, call 442-4958.

Garrison hotline

The Fort Sill Garrison Commander has established a direct e-mail hotline for Soldiers, families and employees to address issues that they feel are not being resolved through other channels. Those with access to the global directory can select "Tell the Garrison Commander." Others can click on the "Tell the Garrison Commander" link on the Fort Sill Garrison website.

Well Being Center

Fort Sill's new Well Being Center, which incorporates the Army Substance Abuse, Employee Assistance and Suicide Prevention programs among others, has moved to its new location in Building 3415 on Miner Road. The facility opens today. For more information, call 442-4205.

Recycling hours

The Fort Sill Recycling Center has switched to summer hours. Until further notice, units may drop off recyclables for the "Cash for Trash" program Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 442-5712.

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